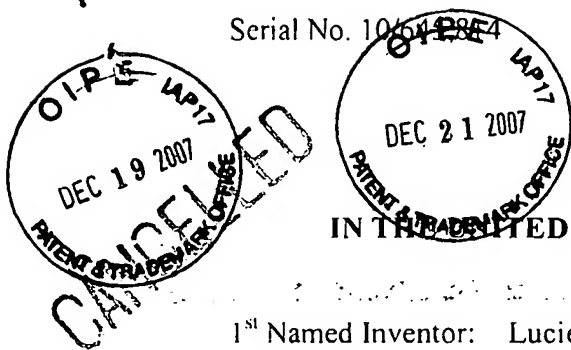


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 1215.01, the Appellant hereby withdraws the instant application from Appeal. To reopen prosecution, the Appellant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 on even date herewith, along with an Amendment in response to the final Office Action mailed August 11, 2006.

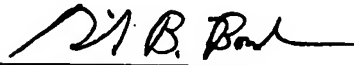
It is respectfully requested that the application be returned to the Examiner for entry and consideration of the RCE and Amendment filed on even date herewith.

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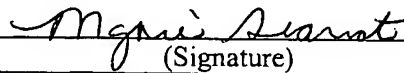
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